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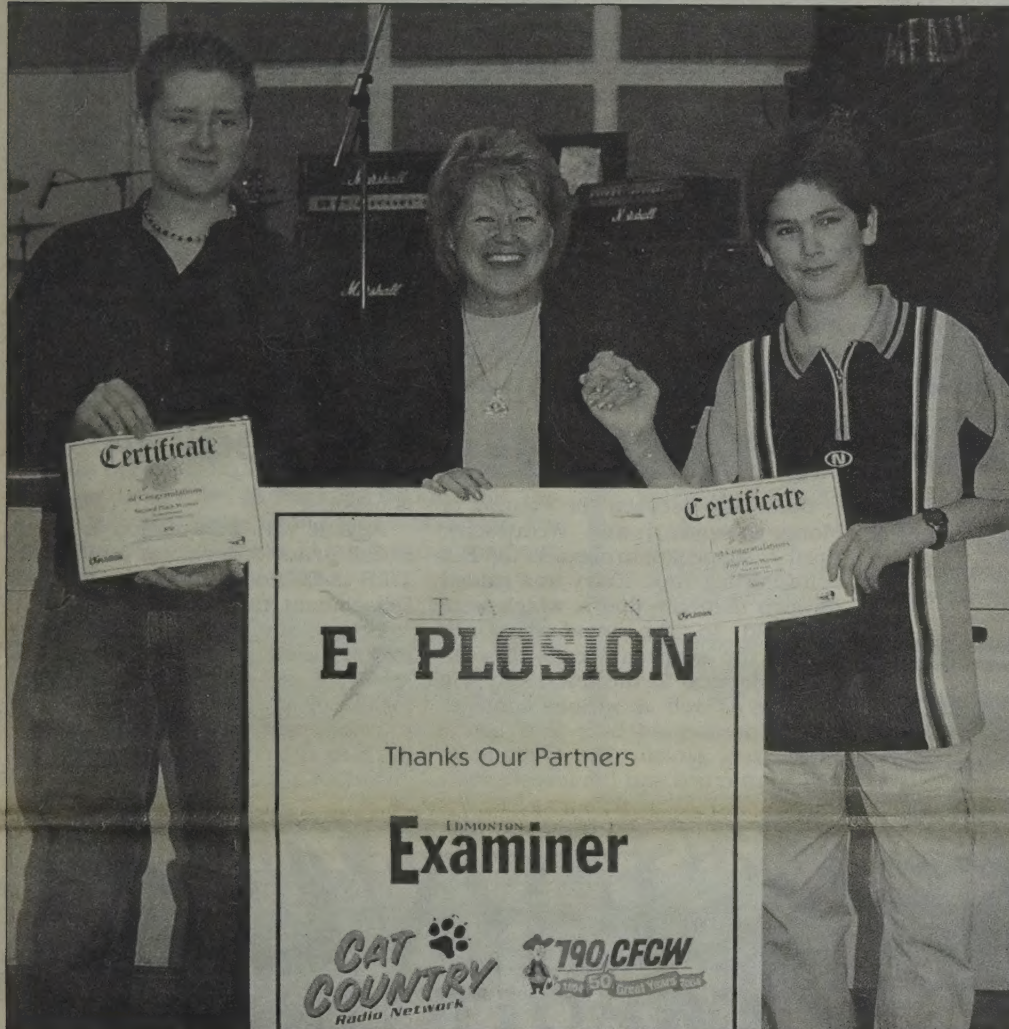
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NORTHLANDS BOUND - Talent Explosion's Youth category winners Cory Poitras (right) and Greg Wood are congratulated by judge Bev Armstrong of Edmonton Northlands, where the two will perform during Klondike Days in the next round of competition.

■ Up Front

Town adds support for food bank proposal

June Lenihan and Mona McGinnis were among a line-up of visitors to the April 12 meeting of Elk Point Town Council, bringing with them a resolution asking for the Town's support of a proposed food bank for the Elk Point area.

Lenihan recently was appointed Missions chair for Elk Point Baptist Church and says she was "overwhelmed by the need" for food hampers and vouchers that are distributed by the church. "Pastor Jim [MacLellan] told me this is constant... and I was told by Mona [McGinnis] that 30 per cent of St. Paul's food bank clients are from the Elk Point area."

Lenihan told Council the ad hoc committee hopes to have the food bank open once a month, at mid month, in the United Church hall, and will coordinate their efforts with food providers and the St. Paul Food Bank. They hope to have an on-site finan-

cial aid worker, and "our goal is to help people be more self-sufficient," Lenihan told Council "We are here to ask you to endorse the resolution." She added that the area to be served needs to have "a definite boundary. We can't feed all of northeast Alberta."

Mayor Lyle Frisby acknowledged that there is a need for this service, and said "everyone has their own definition of 'and area'. The town is within town limits, but the Town and County work together. We can't refuse anyone."

"People who don't have food security are not always the people you think they are," McGinnis told Council, noting that circumstances such as layoffs and cutbacks can financially devastate previously financially secure families. "We haven't even done any food drives here yet," she added.

Council agreed to support the resolution.

The women and Jope Langejans of Elk Point United Church had approached Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and received both their support in principle and an indication that Elk Point Co-op's 'Good-bye Hunger' program could be coordinated with the food bank.

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debt-free"*
- Myron Goyan

The next delegation on Council's agenda were Marvin Bjornstad and Sheila Thompson of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society, who came to get input on the Elk Point staging area. "We can have a grant from Alberta TrailNet, which gives us \$12,000 for developing seven major staging areas, of which Elk Point is one", Bjornstad

said. He passed around a design of a five-by-10-foot sign which will have trail information on the front and community history and pictures on the back, and noted that application has been made for a French tourism initiative grant for bilingual signage. For the staging area itself, Bjornstad said "things need fixing." He asked the Town to consider taking the lead in approaching Alberta Transportation regarding an improved highway crossing for the trail, and also in developing a bridge suitable for ATVs across the drainage ditch just west of the highway. He also asked the Town to make application for the \$12,000 grant, and to come up with a budget. This will be done by the Town's recreation committee, following a meeting with the snowmobile club and other local stakeholders on April 20.

Thompson told Council that trail-related material is being prepared for distribu-

tion to participants in tours and meetings in the area, and said "we want to send out the message that trails can work."

Harvey Nadeau of Calvary Family Fellowship visited Council to discuss the procedure of rezoning a parcel of highway commercial land to institutional. The land is occupied by a historical former church, which the Fellowship is considering purchasing and restoring.

Town auditor Barb McCarthy was the evening's final visitor, and brought along the Town's financial statement for review. She said the Town was in a positive financial position despite "a worse year than expected, in total:" which included the library flood and a year-end water main break. Debenture repayment is going well, and Town manager Myron Goyan said he is "encouraged by the possibility of becoming debt-free" in a few years.

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Council approves revised July 1 parade route

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Other business coming before Council included approval of the Canada Day parade route, regarding which the mayor quipped, "if anyone has any complaints about it, take them to the Canada Day Committee." The route now covers three blocks of Main Street before making a loop to the west past all three seniors' residences and the Health Centre.

Approval was also given to a \$25 cash

donation to the Canada Day Youth Award.

A request from the Chamber of Commerce regarding watering of flowers at the Town's welcome signs was referred to the Public Works committee. Mayor Frisby would eventually like to see hanging planters on Main Street light posts, and suggested "we'll plant 'em, they [the Chamber] can water 'em."

One piece of property will be put up for tax

sale on August 18, unless taxes are paid in full prior to that date.

Myron Goyan will represent Elk Point at an upcoming Travel Alberta workshop in Vermilion. Goyan is also hosting the Local Government Administration Association's spring zone meeting here on April 29, and will attend an Emergency Public Warning System session with Mayor Frisby and Jenny Scott on April 27.

Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrating 25 years

Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club is extending a warm welcome to the community to join in their proud and exciting celebration of 25 years of Ukrainian dancing in Elk Point.

The club will celebrate a generation of music and movement, tradition and talent at their annual Spring Concert this coming Sunday, April 25 in the Elk Point Elementary School gym, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available from club members or at the door.

Every year for a quarter century, Elk Point's Ukrainian Dance students have proudly displayed the results of another year of lessons and practice to a packed crowd of proud parents, grandparents and area residents.

Their flying feet, in the timeless steps of traditional dances from the Horianka to the Hopak, keep in time to the lilting music brought down through the ages, as they celebrate once again the art and heritage of the Ukraine.

Over the years, the club has gathered a stunning array of costumes, thanks to painstaking work by mothers and babas gifted with a talent for traditional needlework.

Another example of the way these traditions are being passed on, is that some of today's young dancers are the second generation of their family to dance with the club, and proud parents can remember well when their own red slippers wound their way through the same dances.

THE TOWN OF ELK POINT
Notices & Information

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

PERMIT #	LOCATION	CIVIC	DEVELOPER	DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
04-04	SE 12-57-7-W4	6502-48 St.	Mark Verenka	Addition	April 13, 2004

Any person claiming to be affected by the decision made by the Development Officer may appeal by writing a NOTICE OF APPEAL to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta within 14 days from the first publication of this notice giving reasons for the appeal. Such appeal shall be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Dated this 13th day of April A.D., 2004 Myron J. Goyan, Development Officer

CRIME STOPPERS Curling rink break-in

Sometime between the evening of Monday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 7, suspect(s) broke into the Elk Point curling rink. Entry was gained through the main doors, which were damaged in the incident. Once inside, the suspect(s) caused some minor damage to the interior of the building as well as various contents and a number of beer and liquor items were stolen. The evidence is being examined and the investigation

is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if you tip leads to an arrest, you qualify for an award.

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JOSHUAS HABIT DONATES FUNDS TO RESCUE VAN - On Easter Sunday, Travis Pankiw made a quick tour of the Elk Point Fire Hall, before making a presentation from his band, Joshuas Habit of Calgary, to the rescue van fund at the Elk Point Fire Department. The donation was in return for the excellent security the Fire Department provided at the sold-out Joshuas Habit all-ages show in March.

Reminder...

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce meets tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the Empress.

Soccer club in executive trouble

By Juanita Buck
Elk Point Soccer Club

We are starting our new season off with a snow storm. Most of the kids are sure it will melt in time to play soccer. The kids are signed up and the coaches and managers are getting ready to do their jobs. The field managers are primed to do the lines and nets and the referees are training.

Yet, there is a problem. There is no one to

run the club. We have no president, treasurer or secretary.

The club held the Annual General Meeting on March 16, 2004 and only the outgoing executive attended. I'm sure it's because everyone was busy and it was too early to think about soccer.

There will be another attempt at the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2004 at 8 p.m. at the FCSS Building to elect the new executive.

So far no one has declared interest in being on the executive. Until there are people willing to run the club, there will be no soccer season and we will return all the fees.

As outgoing president this is something that I personally would be sad to see. I cannot run the club any longer as both my children no longer play soccer and I have commitments elsewhere. I have been club president for five years

and have volunteered in other capacities for the last eight years.

This is the club's 18th year and I know there is interest from the kids to play. I hope as the snow melts and the grass greens the people willing to keep the club running will step forward. Come to the meeting, phone one of the outgoing executive or stop them on the street and volunteer to keep soccer happening in Elk Point.

Celebrating Elk Point and Area VOLUNTEERS 2004

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004

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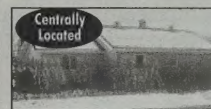
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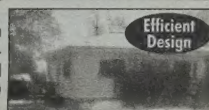
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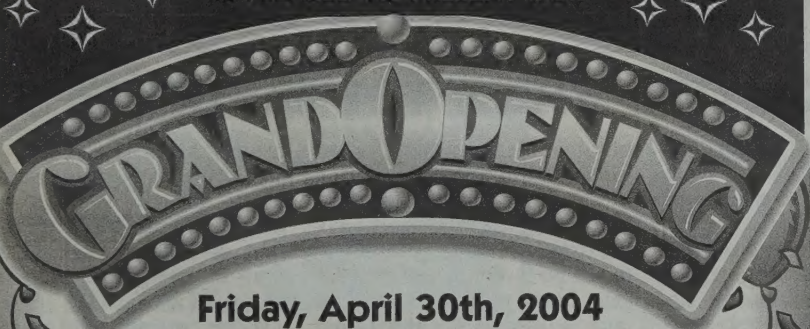
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"The Value
of One,
The Power
of Many."



Aspen salutes valued volunteers

Aspen Regional Health Authority

Review Contributor

National Volunteer Week is a special week designated to honor those individuals who donate their time and energy to their fellow citizens. Aspen Regional Health is truly thankful to all of the volunteers who donate countless numbers of hours. Volunteers are an essential component of our health care system. In one of the Aspen continuing care centres, volunteers were utilized for a total of 8,543 hours in 2003.

Within Aspen Regional Health, volunteers read, coach, walk, drive, visit, cook food, write, organize, sew, clean, prepare, coordinate and give. People who volunteer in health care are precious assets. They give our residents and clients what money cannot buy, friendship, companionship, dedication, as well as endless behind-the-scenes hours.

Valuable in more ways than words can tell,
Optimistic and helpful every day,
Lending support with a heartwarming smile,
Unselfishly going the extra mile,
Notable for all the work you do,
Trusted because we can count on you,
Effective in all you undertake,
Esteemed for the difference that you make,
Ready to serve in so many ways,
Special and deserving of our praise.

There are many reasons why individuals volunteer. Some people volunteer to fill in their spare time, some people volunteer for the companionship and others volunteer for the learning experience. Volunteer work is a way to build a bridge to employment or to a new type of job. Through volunteering, individuals are able to develop a wide variety of skills that can be transferred to the labor market. A growing number of employers today count volunteer work as relevant work experience.

We know that volunteers make a difference, thus we concur with this year's theme for National Volunteer Week. Volunteers truly do have "The Value of One, The Power of Many."

20 Years in Review - 1988

The new year started with a new bylaw officer, Bernie Nelson, for the Town, and the good news of a "phenomenal drop" in tax arrears... Elk Point Sliders - Mark Boulter, Kelly Curry, Dorothy Cardinal, Jason Smereka and Anthony Bayduza won gold at the Northeast Alberta Winter Games, with Kelly going on to win provincial gold and Dorothy provincial bronze... Dr. Frank Estey told the Chamber of Commerce that larger centres have a better chance of attracting doctors... The 60-year-old Ballas Motors /Zarowny Motors/ C. J. Marksatad Garage building yielded to the wreckers' hammers...

Celebration '88 awards recognized outstanding contributions to minor sports and community life... Gordon LeDrew became the new Chamber president, and Paul Stepa was honored for 50 years of Chamber membership... Elk Point's first attempt at dinner theatre was a great success, with a performance by the Leave it to Jane theatre group... Westminster Resources announced plans for 30 new wells... The Chamber agreed to take over the Canada Day breakfast from the small group of merchants who initiated the event...

Council went into extra innings to debate the layouts for ball diamonds at the rec land... Students got a very long spring break as a teachers' strike stretched into a second month... Elk Point's first-ever trade fair was a phenomenal success, with over 4000 people through the doors... A170-signature petition protesting the four-diamond circular design for the rec land was presented to Council at their annual ratepayers' meeting... Parents pitched in to build a new playground beside the FCSS Building... The entire community was challenged to take part in 15 minutes of physical activity for the Great Participation Challenge... Despite three hours of input from a dozen perturbed ratepayers, water rates went up \$10 a month... Tax mill rates, however, held the line... Canadian Salt Company marked 40 years of production with an open house...

Stoney Lake's new Pioneer Park honored the area's settlers, and Connie Ahern was named Stoney Lake's first Stampede queen...

Parents and students demanded a change to the semester system for F. G. Miller High... A thousand breakfasters were fed from a single grill on Canada Day... Archaeologists from the University of Alberta dug for insight into the past at Fort George and Buckingham House, as hope grew for the forts' restoration...

Sid Holthe brought greetings to Town Council from their counterparts in Elk Point, South Dakota... Northern Valley Church celebrated its 75th anniversary... Gumboots replaced golf cleats as 130 oilmen golfed in weekend downpours totaling four inches...

A landmark weekend saw \$1.3 million approved for a major development at Fort George and Buckingham House, while Elk Point Agricultural Society unveiled plans for their new fairgrounds... A \$820,000 modernization program sent Elk Point Elementary students to the Community Services Centre and F. G. Miller High to start the school year... Elk Point's Car Show '88 was a roaring success... Mayor Byron Mann resigned due to a transfer back to Calgary... Murphy Oil's thermal project was mothballed due to low crude oil prices...

The historical mural was finished at last, after a year of painstaking work... John Dahmer opened his campaign office in preparation for the coming federal election, with Deborah Grey tossing her Reform Party hat in the ring. Dahmer won the election by 7280 votes, but succumbed to bone marrow cancer just five days later... Town and County signed a joint agreement for a landfill south of the North Saskatchewan River... Bruce Kleiberger was sworn in as Elk Point's new mayor...

Phase II of Elementary School's modernization and addition was put on hold due to budget, with the Town putting their support behind the County's appeal of the decision... A Parent Teacher Association was formed for F. G. Miller High... Ed Buck filled a vacant Town Council seat after a by-election... And the year wound down with a second successful Extravaganza.

The goose story for volunteers

This week is National Volunteer Week. It is a week we all take time to thank one another for all the volunteer work we each do in our communities. Thank you volunteers for everything you do. Do you know, the reason volunteers aren't paid isn't because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. Volunteers - you are valuable to our community. Thank you for contributing to our community of Elk Point.

There is a story I just love because it makes so much sense when I think of volunteers. It is called "The Goose Story".

Next fall when you see the geese heading south for the winter (or coming back in the spring), flying along in a "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing that science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. (People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier,

because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.)

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately

protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and they then launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with the group. (If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.)

..Author unknown.

I like that story because there is so much sense in it. As volunteers work together, we soon learnt that what each one is contributing is so important to the whole. In other words, we need each other. When the leader gets tired, someone else steps in to take their place. That makes so much sense. The other part of the story I like is the 'not complaining' part. What the geese were doing was encouraging each other. That is a great lesson. It seems we could do that more often.

The reality is - if we don't encourage and support each other then the task is over. Volunteers will stop volunteering. It is as simple as that. Therefore, I think we all need to hear "The Goose Story" repeated because the lesson it teaches is so valuable. We need volunteers and we need each other. So, a BIG HUG to all our community volunteers. Thank you, everyone!



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

ly in front. (If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.) When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. (It pays to take turns doing hard jobs - with people or with geese flying south.) The geese honk from behind to encourage those up in front to keep up their speed. (What do we say when we honk from behind?)

Finally (now, I want you to get this), when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshots and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and



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Sound Dragons a huge success with FGM students

The Class of 2004 students and parents met last week to debate and finalize most of the decisions for the June 26th Prom Ceremony.

Nearly all aspects of the ceremony are already planned out, with only the implementation of the ideas left to be accomplished. The ceremony will be based on a Hollywood theme; red carpets, velvet ropes, spotlights, and of course the star-studded walk of fame.

Following the formal ceremony at the gym the students, their parents, and guests will move to the hockey arena for the

dance. I must apologize now for saying the



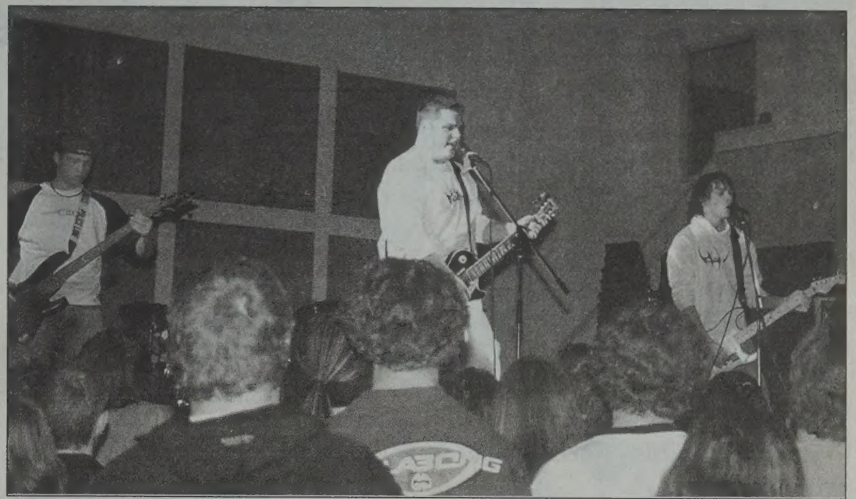
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BRAGA
F.G. Miller High

dance would be at the riding barn the last time I wrote about the Class of 2004. I was mistaken and only realized two weeks ago that the dance will be at the hockey arena.

Sound Dragons on Friday was a huge success, providing an hour and a half of musical entertainment for the

school. Congratulations on a job well done to all the participants, and thank you to Mr. Bjorkman for organizing the event and Rob Walker for doing the sound system.

This Friday students will be receiving the third report card of the year. With the semester half over now most students have just finished midterm exams. Once again it has been a successful academic quarter, and we are looking forward to finishing the year on as positive a note as we have carried through with so far.



FRAIL MIND, featuring Bryan Chamberland (centre) on vocals and lead guitar, Addison Bartholomew (right) on rhythm guitar, Brandon Holthe on bass and (not shown) Stephane Lamoreux on drums, was a big hit at Sound Dragons.



Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
640 Fifth Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4

NOTICE OF HEARING

**APPLICATION NO. 1241564
COLD LAKE OIL SANDS AREA
ORION SAGD IN-SITU OIL SANDS PROJECT
BLACKROCK VENTURES INC.**

Take Notice that the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) will hold a public hearing of Application No. 1241564 at the Lakeland Inn, 5411 - 55 Street, Cold Lake, Alberta commencing on **Tuesday, June 29, 2004** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. All interveners to this proceeding must be present at the commencement of the hearing to register their appearance.

Nature of the Application

BlackRock Ventures Inc. (BlackRock) has applied to construct and operate a thermal recovery project using steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) in the Hilda Lake area. The proposed BlackRock Orion EOR Project (Orion Project) is located approximately 15 kilometres to the northwest of Cold Lake, Alberta, in the north half of Section 9, the north half of Section 10, and Sections 15, 16, and 17, of Township 64, Range 3, West of the 4th Meridian (see attached map). The project would be developed in two phases. Phase 1 would consist of up to 56 SAGD well pairs and associated infrastructure and steam generation, water recycle and bitumen processing facilities with a capacity of 1590 cubic metres per day (m³/d) of bitumen production. Phase 2 would consist of up to an additional 60 well pairs and associated infrastructure and steam generation, water recycle and bitumen processing facilities with an additional 1590 m³/d of bitumen production capacity. The total project would have a capacity of 3180 m³/d of bitumen production, and is expected to have a life expectancy of approximately 30 years.

The major components of the proposed Orion Project are:

- the drilling of multiple horizontal well pairs from pads, associated injection and production pipelines, and road access;
- a plant site with steam generation, water treatment, water recycle, bitumen and product handling, fuel gas and bitumen pipelines, storm water storage and reclamation material storage; and
- brackish water source wells, waste water disposal wells.

In support of their proposal, BlackRock has prepared and submitted Application No. 1241564 to the EUB, pursuant to Section 10 of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, for authorization of the proposed development of the Orion Project. In support of its proposal and as part of its application to the EUB, BlackRock has also prepared and submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment report to Alberta Environment.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information or a copy of the application contact:

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E-mail: bgardiner@blackrock-ven.com

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To File a Submission

Any person intending to make a submission with respect to the hearing of Application No. 1241564 shall file on or before 4:00 p.m. **Tuesday, June 1, 2004**. Send one copy of your submission, in writing, to the applicant at the name and address listed above and ten copies of the submission to:

Ken Hale
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
Applications Branch, Resource Applications
640 - 5th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3G4

Notes

- Any submission filed shall contain information detailing:
- the desired disposition of the application;
 - the facts substantiating the position of the submitter;
 - the reasons why the submitter believes the EUB should decide in the manner advocated; and
 - how the proposed project, if approved, may directly and adversely affect the submitter.

If you have an interest in this matter, you are required to make a submission with respect to this application even if you have previously filed a submission with the EUB or with BlackRock on this application.

In accordance with Section 38 of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Rules of Practice, all witnesses must give evidence under oath or affirmation. Submissions relating exclusively to compensation for land usage are not dealt with by the EUB but may be referred to the Alberta Surface Rights Board, or, in the case of trapping issues, to the Trappers Compensation Board.

If there are no valid submissions received, this hearing may be cancelled and the EUB will proceed with the disposition of the application without further notice and/or without a hearing.

Withdrawal of Objections

The EUB has determined that David Stone, Inez Stone, Jens Peter Harwerth, and Beatrix Kohlhas may be directly and adversely affected by the EUB's decision on Application No. 1241564. Should these parties withdraw their objections to Application No. 1241564, the Board may cancel the proceeding and continue to process the application in due course.

Issued at Calgary, Alberta, on April 13, 2004.

Michael J. Bruni, Q.C., General Counsel



ELECTRIC OVERLOAD - featured Colin Ference (far right) on vocals and guitar, Mr. Bjorkman on guitar, Grayson Bilak on bass and (not shown) Jason Kalynchuk on drums.

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3. 5202 - 56 Street - 14 x 70 mobile home with lots to offer. Large 10 x 24 family room addition. Patio doors off livingroom lead onto new 12 x 42 treated deck overlooking wheatfields. New fridge, stove, washer & dryer remain. New skirting and insulation redone. Decorative mirrored panels in livingroom. A great buy. **Owner motivated to sell and is willing to entertain offers.**



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community NEWS

Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department - the ultimate in volunteer commitment keeps our community safe

It's Volunteer Week, and time to pay tribute to all those who give freely of their time to community groups and organizations. Their dedication and generosity allows us to enjoy everything from sports programs to library services. Among those organizations is one where volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and ready to help whenever disaster strikes: the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, who logged an incredible 2061 hours in 2003.

The Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department is made up of a group of 29 dedicated individuals. They are on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day, rain or shine, and come from a wide range of backgrounds, including

NFPA 1001 (Professional Fire Fighter), EMTs, and EMRs. They also have certification in CPR, First Aid, H2S Alive, Vehicle Extrication, Farm Vehicle Extrication, High Angle Rescue, Confined Space (Entry & Rescue), Airport Fire & Rescue, Safety Codes Officers (in the fire discipline), Pump Operators, NFPA 1041 Levels 1 & 2 (Firefighter Instructors), Ice Rescue, Boat Handlers, and are constantly training in order to provide an even higher level of service.

They practice at least one night a week in order to refine their skills, so that when the alarm goes off, the public gets the best possible service. Last year, which was a relatively slow year for the department, saw them responding to: 28 Fire calls in the County of St. Paul, 30 Rescue calls, and 12 calls in the Town of Elk Point. Calls ranged from grass & structure fires, to vehicle accidents and STARS landings. All in all, they put in a total of 2061 volunteer man-hours for the year ending December 31, 2003, and it looks like this

year is going to be even busier than last!

Last year they were blessed with two new fire trucks, with the purchase of the Town of Elk Point Fire Pumper, and the County of St. Paul Fire Pumper. Both units came just in the nick of time, as they replaced units that were worn out. Each unit has a very specific duty. The Town Pumper responds to calls only in the Town of Elk Point. This means that the residents of the town always have fire protection available to them. This unit has been built to handle the types of fires that are typical for a town application, which are mainly structure fires, but is equipped to handle many other types of fires. The County Pumper responds to all calls (Fire & Rescue) in our area, and has been configured to deal with the types of fires that are typical for a rural application. It has the ability to pump and roll, which is especially useful for grass & bush fires, as well as being equipped to handle structure & vehicle fires. It is also equipped with foam injection, which is very useful, as it reduces the amount of water needed to extinguish a fire. The addition of these two units has been a great benefit to both the department and the community it serves.

Over the course of the last several years,



RESCUE TECHNIQUES are learned at exercises such as this, which take many hours of volunteer time, but provide knowledge which can save a life when the crew is called to a farm or industrial accident.

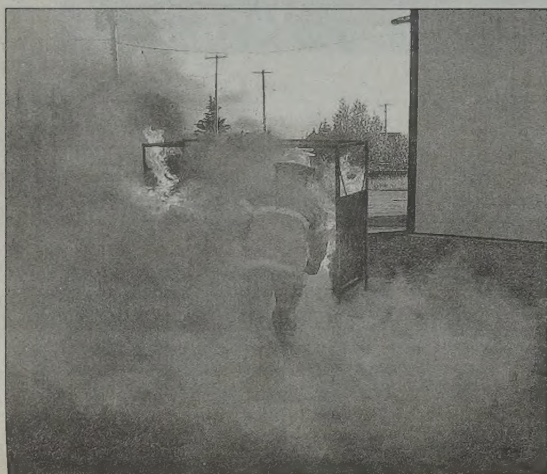
the department has been growing in terms of the number of members, as well as the level & types of services they offer. It is their goal to be able to handle any kind of emergency that comes their way. In order to achieve their goals in the past, they formed the Elk Point Fire Fighters Association. The Association is responsible for raising money to buy equipment not provided by the Town and County. In the past they have raised money for the Rescue Van, Rescue Boat, Jaws of Life and High Angle Rescue Equipment, as well as several other valuable tools. They are currently doing fund raising in order to purchase a new Community Support Vehicle, which they hope will replace the

existing Rescue Van in the near future.

The Rescue Van is probably the most important piece of equipment in the fire hall, and has a very specific purpose. It responds to every call they receive, and carries both the fire fighters and rescue equipment they need to do their job safely and efficiently. Because of the ongoing commitment of the department to provide a higher level of service, it has become necessary to replace their existing unit. Their current unit does not have the capacity to carry all of their rescue tools, nor does it meet future needs. It is the goal of the Association to purchase a new Community Support Vehicle that will meet the needs of today, and the capacity to meet the needs of the future. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of the new Community Support Vehicle is encouraged to do so, by contacting one of the members, or by contacting the town office for details.

The Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind everyone to check your smoke detectors twice a year, to never drink and drive, and to always buckle up. They would also like to remind everyone to please be courteous and pull over when you see their flashing lights, and hear their sirens. It just might be your house, or one of your family or friends they are trying to save!

Thanks to the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department for supplying us with photos and information about their busy lives as volunteer firefighters.



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE - You'll probably find one or more members of Elk Point's Volunteer Fire Department. In this incidence, firefighters were practicing extinguishing an oil fire.

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Talent explodes in Elk Point

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competition at Edmonton Northlands during Klondike Days.

St. Paul fiddler Cory Poitras played "The Big John Medley" to top the Youth category for contestants age 13 to 21.

Former Talent Explosion winner and 2002 Klondike Days semifinalist Greg Wood of Bonnyville played his transparent red guitar behind his back and over his head in a mesmerizing number that gained him second place, and changed to an acoustic guitar and slower tempo to accompany his vocal of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" for third prize.

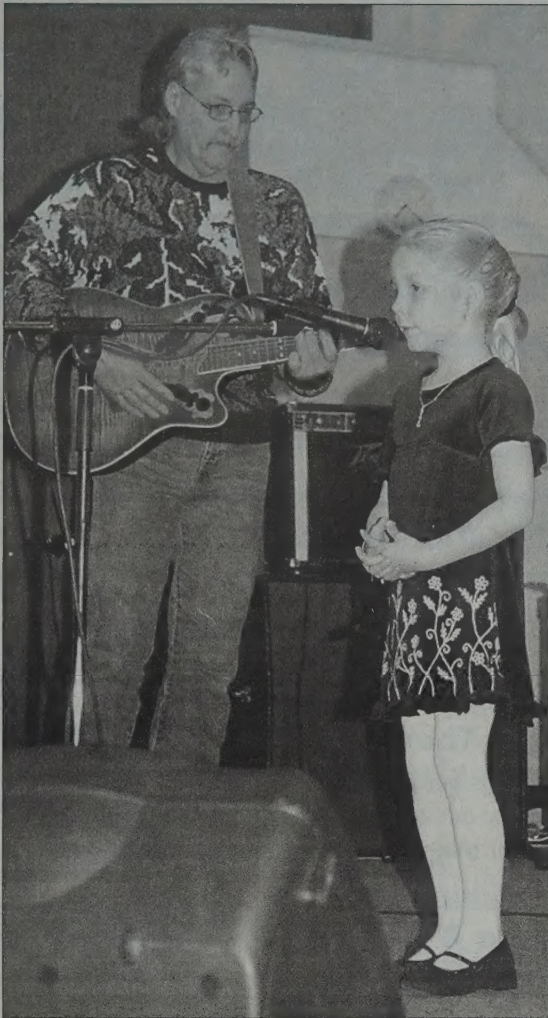
Fiddler Dorian Michaud played both alone and in a group instrumental with brothers Nathan and Julian and sister Chelsea. Other instrumental solos came from talented St. Paul pianists Chelsey Buryn and Calvin Cayabyab. Singers and songwriters Brent Ference of Lloydminster and the Elk Point duo of Colin Ference and Tyson Slywka, vocal soloist Crystal Cholach of Grasslands and three area bands, Three Play from Vermillion and St. Paul - Elk Point combos Cross Fade and Frail Mind, were also crowd-pleasers.

Pankiw, who coordinated the show, expressed warm thanks to all the sponsors as well as to the performers "who sang and danced and played their hearts out", and their family and friends and other fans who came to cheer them on. "It was a great show!"

She thanked local judge Linda Nichols and Bev Armstrong and Dorothy Gregg of Edmonton Northlands for their judging expertise.

Alison Hammond of the FGM Class of 2004 served as timer, while Ryan Moxam from Cat Country Key 83 in Wainwright and Kacz Michaels from 106.1 The Goat in Lloydminster shared the MC duties.

Along with the evening's entertainment value, Talent Explosion will have a lasting effect on some area students. The net proceeds from this event will be split between the class of 2004 and Lakeland College Scholarships and Awards to assist adult students in Academic Upgrading and Career Preparation programs



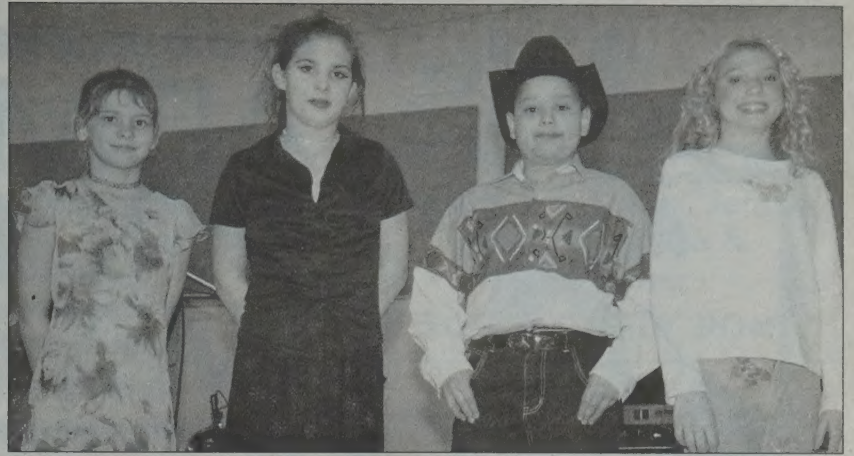
LOCAL TALENT STARTS SMALL - Emily Thompson is accompanied by dad Robert as she told the audience about "Grandma's Feather Bed".



UP FROM THE SEA - Sammantha Novlan of Lloydminster dressed as Ariel, the Little Mermaid for her variety solo, "Part of That World".



WRAPPED UP IN THEIR MUSIC - Colin Ference and Tyson Slywka played an original song, "No Praise", for plenty of praise from their audience.



JUNIOR WINNERS were, above, left to right, Coral Littlejohn, 5 to 8 Years group, Andrea Link and BJ Bailey, 9 to 12 Years runners-up and Sammantha Novlan, 9 to 12 Years winner. Below is Katelyn Fontaine, also a 9 to 12 Years runner up.



Canadian Natural

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Canadian Natural invites the residents of Elk Point to join us at an Open House. You'll have the opportunity to meet our staff, learn about our operations and discuss our commitment to working with the community.

Date: Thursday, April 22nd

Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(please drop in at your convenience)
at approximately 6 pm supper will be served

Place: Elk Point Seniors' Centre

For further information please contact us at
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CANADIAN FARMERS

The Government of Canada is investing \$995 million to help farmers make the transition to the new Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program. The Transitional Industry Support Program (TISP) includes a direct payment to cattle producers and a general payment to all farmers.

Direct Payment for Cattle and Ruminants

The direct payment to producers of cattle and other ruminants is a per head payment based on inventories of eligible animals as of December 23, 2003. Producers of cattle, bison, sheep, goats, elk and deer are eligible.

To apply, farmers need to complete a form reporting their inventory as of December 23, 2003. Payments will be made within 30 days of form receipt. Application forms are available online at www.agr.gc.ca/tisp or by calling 1-866-367-8506.

Note: Some program details may be subject to change.

General Transition Payment

Farmers will receive a payment based on their income history. Cheques will begin to be mailed in late April. Individuals, corporations, trusts, co-operatives and communal organizations reporting farming income (or loss) for 2002 for income tax purposes are eligible for the transition payment. Status Indians farming on a reserve are also eligible. Note: supply managed commodities are excluded.

NISA participants and producers who received a Risk Management Funding payment in the last two years will automatically receive a payment. Others must apply. Application forms are available online at www.agr.gc.ca/tisp or by calling 1-866-367-8506.

Canadian Farm Income Program (CFIP)

The federal government is providing an additional \$65 million to farmers for final payments under the CFIP 2002 program. Farmers who applied for and received a payment under the 2002 program will automatically receive a cheque.

Farmers who have questions or would like more information are invited to call 1-866-367-8506.



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ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK

APRIL 26 - 30, 2004

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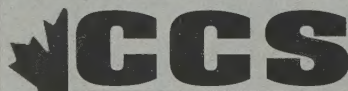
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Elk Point Review

community **NEWS****ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK** APRIL 22-28

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- WOODY'S TROPHY & GIFT - giftware
- STEDMANS - giftware
- ELK POINT BURGER BAR
- 2 strip dinners
- TASTE BUDS RESTAURANT
- dinner for two



Have a great
week,
everyone!



WISHING OUR TEAM, A WONDERFUL
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK
THANK YOU **June, Lynn, Jenny,
Deanna, Faye &
Daphne**
TOWN OF ELK POINT



**Michelle, Susan, Shirley, Glenna,
Pam and Hollie**

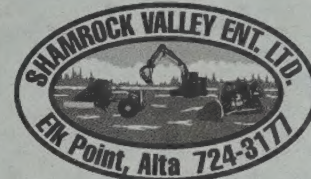
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community **NEWS****Busy Sunday for Elk Point 4-Hers**

I have to apologize for not coming back with a 4-H report for some time. With spring in the air, things are getting very busy for us.

I would like to take this time to thank

ATB Financial, Servus Credit Union, CJ Petroleum, Tarsands, Elk

Point Review, Woody's Trophy and Gifts and Footprints for sponsoring the prizes for our public speaking compe-

tition. Everyone did an excellent job and I would like to congratulate our winners;



Larissa
COCHRANE

Elk Point 4-H
Multi Club

Jessica Wirsta and Kayla Gibson for the Junior level, Robyn Ockerman and Melissa Frisby for the

Intermediate level, and Shaun Robinson and Mike Wandler for the Senior level. I know that they represented our club well at districts even if they did not continue on to regionals.

On March 26, we spent an enjoyable evening floor curling with the seniors at the Seniors' Recreation Centre in Elk Point. Fun was had by all that evening, and we learned that floor curling is not as easy as it looks. After playing a couple of games, we all sat down and enjoyed refreshments with each other.

On Sunday, April 18, we had our Beef Mini Achievement and the Cooking Club also held their Achievement Day. It was a huge success. The calves are doing well. We started the day by weighing our calves. Our calves ranged in weight from 800 pounds to 1320 pounds. The calves are growing like crazy. Our STARS calf weighed in at 1305 pounds, so the winner of this calf will have a lot of beef to eat. So I remind you to support STARS by purchasing your ticket on the beef from any 4-H member, or come by the Co-op on the first Tuesday of the month.

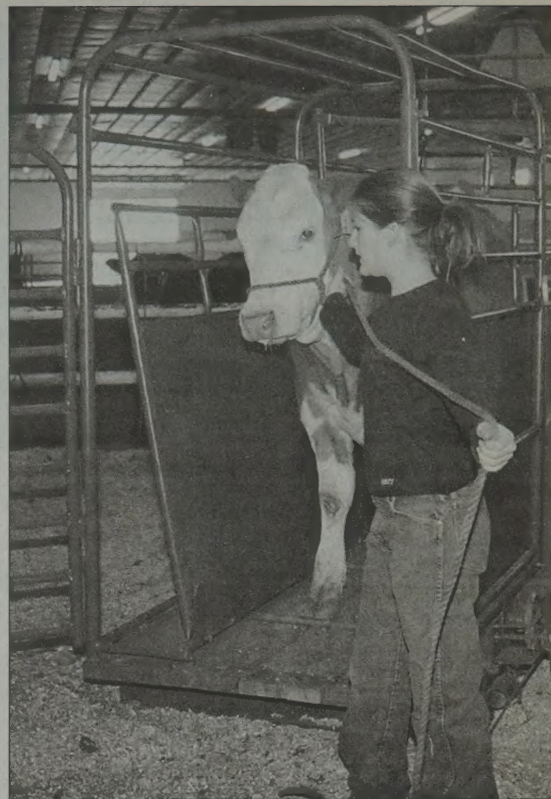
We had a showmanship presentation from our leader, Donna Ockerman, and our senior members. They helped teach us how to stand when the judge is looking at the calves,

how the calves should be standing, how to hold our hands and the proper way to lead the animals. At the end of the day we had Patsy Wirsta and Jaylynn Wirsta do a grooming presentation to show the new members what products to use and where they go. Overall it was a really good day. We all learned some good information and it was nice to see how everyone's calves have grown and how well everyone is leading their animals.

As their Achievement Day project, the Cooking Club prepared a meal for the people who came to the Mini Achievement. The food was great. The meal was based on a spring theme and consisted of Rabbit Nibbles, Easter Egg Salad in pitas, Spring Chick Pasta Salad and Chilly Beef on Panic Bannock. Of course we couldn't forget dessert. We had Sassy Splashy Fruit Kabobs, Squisharoos, Carrot Orange Cookies and Pails of Dirt.

After we ate we all played games that tested everyone's knowledge of kitchen items, fruits and vegetable names as well as different prices. Derek and Rhonda Wruth presented Cooking leader Lorraine Danyluk with a basket as a gift of appreciation for all her help and dedication this year. Mrs. Danyluk

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WEIGHING HIS PROGRESS - Melissa Frisby leads her steer off the scale after checking to see how much he has gained since weigh day in November.



MIGHTY FINE MUD! Derek and Rhonda Wruth serve up their "Pail of Dirt" dessert to eager 4-Hers at the Cooking Club's achievement day/.

THANK YOU

The F.G. Miller Class of 2004 and Lakeland College Scholarships & Awards wish to thank the following organizations and businesses who contributed to Talent Explosion 2004. The cash donations, door prizes, contestant prizes and food, and other services provided by these groups helped to make this a successful event.

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FARM AUCTION SALE for BETTY SCHAAP of Vilna

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Sat., May 1, 2004 at 10:30 am

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Presenter: Rod Carlyon,
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Farm Direct Marketing Meat - What do you need to know?

Followed by a round table discussion on
community beef sales and selling beef from
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Date: April 28, 2004

Time: 1:00 p.m.

**Location: County of St. Paul
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community **NEWS****Direct Marketing Beef comes to St. Paul**

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We have herd about direct beef sales, both attempted and successful in larger centres like Sherwood Park and Edmonton. We also know that beef producers are selling meat straight from their farms to try to get a better value for their product. Beef prices have suffered due to the BSE crisis and producers are looking for alternative ways to market their product.

Local producers need to look no further, thanks to The REACH Corporation, who will be presenting a Direct Marketing Beef workshop to be held on April 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Counto of St. Paul meeting room. The objective of the workshop is to assist producers in learning the opportunities and challenges of

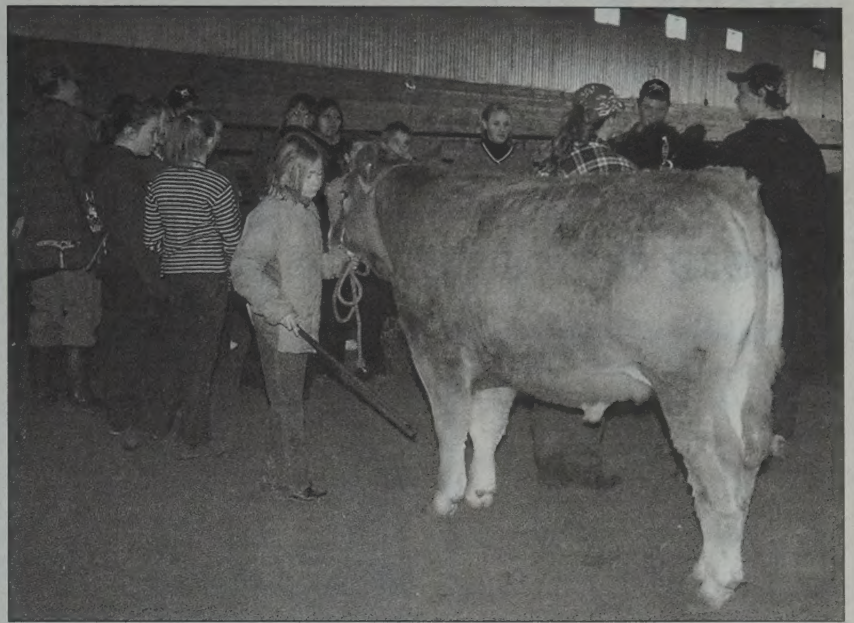
selling meat direct to consumers.

The workshop will be presented by Rod Carlyon from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "Eighty percent of the content will apply to any meat product. A few topics will be more directly related to beef," Carlyon says. In addition to covering topics from production to rules and regulations, and working with a meat processor, the workshop will be followed by a roundtable discussion. Producers and organizations will be encouraged to ask questions about organizing a large community beef sale, similar to the one that took place in Strathcona County. Carlyon says the first thing you should do in undertaking such an event is to bring the processor to the table. "You have to make sure

the processor is on board and able to process the meat that you sell," Carlyon states. Questions will also be answered regarding selling meat directly from your farm to consumers.

"Agriculture is a huge part of the areas we serve. We wanted to do something to help the producers. We are hoping that interested producers will attend the workshop and pursue direct marketing. We have other services that can help them with the rest of the process, such as writing a business plan, marketing and bookkeeping," says Marcie Mazurenko, Community Economic Coordinator for The REACH Corporation.

For more information on the upcoming Direct Marketing Beef workshop, please call The REACH Corporation at 645-5782



SETTING UP HER STEER - Kayla Gibson tries her hand with a show stick at a showmanship demonstration at the Mini Achievement Day.

4-H Beef Mini Achievement Day

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Mrs. Danyluk thanked Mrs. Mable Wruth for her help as the assistant leader.

The meal was great, and I would like to compliment all of the members on a job well done. Unfortunately, Timmy Quinney was not able to be at the Achievement Day, but we did hear that he had a great deal of input into the club.

We have a lot of events that will be coming soon, so I will be back next week with more details.



JUDGING TEAM HONORED - Jared Vallee, Jessica Wirsta and Katelynn Vallee took part in a 4-H judging competition at Vermilion and came home with a third place ribbon for judging swine.

Spring Creek sale average \$2794

Seventeen of Bernard Boeckmann's Red Angus yearling bulls sold for an average of \$2794 at the Ninth Annual Spring Creek Red Angus bull sale last Wednesday, at the C. G. Baker Arena in Elk Point, up \$50 from last

year's average.

Red Spring Creek Hi Ho 10N was the highest seller, the February 2, 2003 son of the top selling bull at Spring Creek's 2001 sale going for \$4800 for two-thirds interest and full possession, an even

\$1000 more than last year's top seller.

Auctioneer was Steve Dorran, with ringmen Bruce McFadyen, Marc Jubinville and Bryon Wolters kept busy seeking out bids from a large and eager crowd of buyers.



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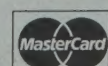
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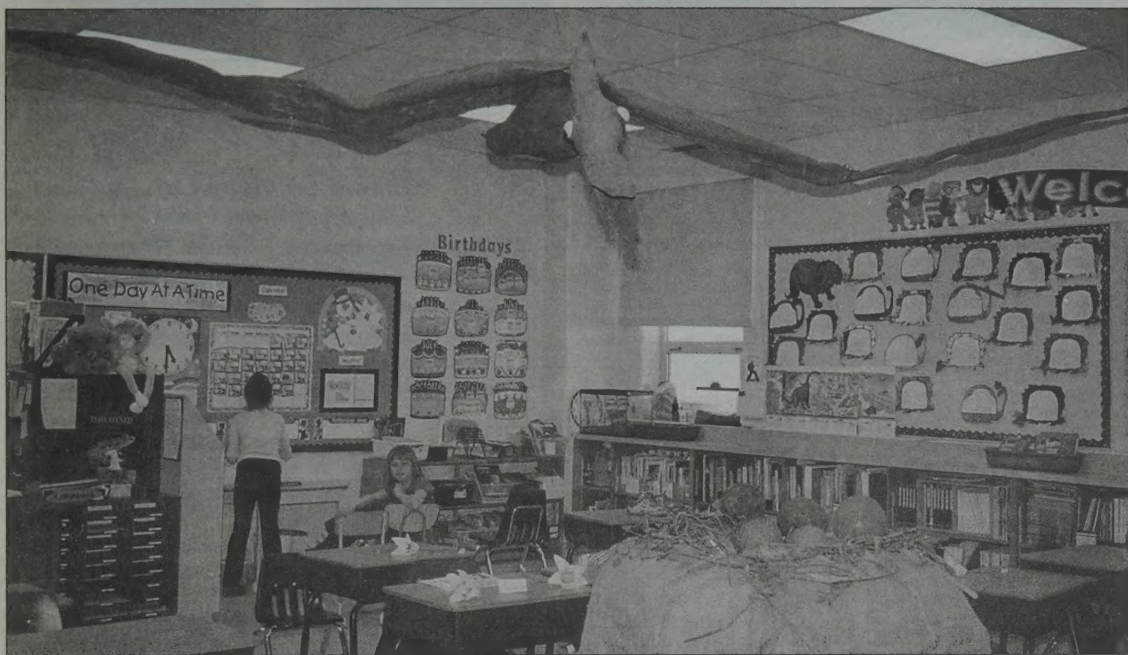
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"Edmonton's Used Car, Truck and Vans Guide."

We also have some great websites to check out. Be sure to stop in and ask our staff for assistance.

Next Seniors Tea is Tuesday, May 4. Be sure to join us for tea, goodies and great conversation. Seniors, feel free to bring along a daughter, granddaughter or daughter-in-law to help us celebrate Mother's Day.

Preschool Story Time goes every Friday at 10:30. Join us for stories and crafts. No charge - everyone welcome!



IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE - This gigantic model of a large crested flying reptile known as a Pteranodon was created by Mrs. Sylvia Conrad's class at Elk Point Elementary School as part of their study of prehistoric animals. The fish-eating Pteranodon, which had a 22-foot wingspan and a large beak, may not have weighed much more than 20 to 25 pounds. It was not a bird nor a dinosaur, but was closely related to the dinosaurs. The nest in the foreground belongs to a Maiasaura, a large plant-eating duck-billed dinosaur which grew from a foot long at hatching to an adult size of about 30 feet long, six to eight feet tall and weighing three to four tons. Both the Pteranodon and the Maiasaura lived in the Cretaceous Period.



BABYSITTING COURSE GRADUATES - Elk Point has seven new graduates of the latest Babysitting course. Back row, left to right are Cheyanne McGilvery, Sonny Benson, Lindon Nelson, Dakota Desjarlais and Katelynn Vallee, front, left to right, are Jordana Quist, Travis Houle and Brendan Bishop.

FUTURE RODEO STAR?
Fern Ockerman takes a ride on a calf roping summy while her family is busy with the 4-H Beef Mini Achievement Day.



OBITUARY

TRACH, Mike W.

On April 13, 2004, Mr. Mike Trach of Elk Point passed away at the age of 85 years.

He is survived his loving wife, Helen of 64 years; 2 daughters, Elsie (Mike) Oryshchuk & Florence (Orest) Drobot; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Stella Grabas; 1 brother, Walter Trach and numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by 2 infant sons, Walter & David; his parents, William & Mary; brothers, John & Steve & sisters, Jean, Jennie & Annie.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Reverend Joep Langejans officiated with interment in Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary c/o Box 425, St. Paul AB T0A 3A0.

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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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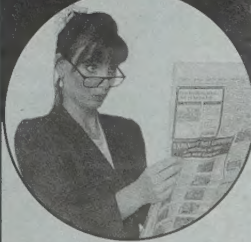
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Spacious high school could delay Glen Avon project

By Jay Gutteridge

St. Paul Journal

The path to a new Glen Avon School building may have a pothole.

Under the current method of determining school utilization, St. Paul Education Regional Division may have too much empty space in its schools to convince the province Glen Avon needs a new building.

Secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne told the school board at its regular meeting on April 14 that the division's current utilization rate is 63 per cent. "Definitely in any new school scenario the figure is always a drawback," said Champagne.

The biggest cause for the low utilization rate is St. Paul Regional High School, where the rate is 36 per cent. However, Heinsburg Community School has a rate of 90 per cent, and Glen Avon is at 94

per cent. A facility is considered full at 85 per cent, said Champagne.

"That's the only school I couldn't put another teacher in," said superintendent Doug Yeo, referring to Glen Avon.

Trustee Ron Rudkowsky said the classrooms at Glen Avon are smaller than at other schools as well. "Even classrooms with 24 kids seem crowded," he said.

Funding framework

The provincial government's new funding framework for education isn't benefiting the division, Champagne reported.

He also said some of the divisions widely expected to get more money didn't really benefit, either. "It raises the question: who's benefiting?" said Champagne.

The province hasn't released any comparisons

of which divisions the most money is going to, he said. "The whole idea of the framework was to build equity, but if they're not giving us any information, it's kind of frustrating."

He said the division's upcoming budget will be built around the 2004-05 School Year Jurisdiction Profile, on which he based his report.

Provincial competitions

Athletics are a major part of the school experience for many students, but the travel can be expensive for schools.

The board is considering providing extra money for schools with athletes headed to provincial competition after hearing a case put forward by Ashmont Secondary School principal Richard Dechaine.

"Three of our teams went on this year to win, and that costs money," he said. "Hundreds of people drove out to those games. I haven't pushed sports a lot in the past, but seeing how they affected the community, it opened my eyes."

Dechaine said he can't ask parents to pay because some may have difficulty affording it.

"Maybe we could put some money aside for schools going to provincial competitions," said Chairman Lorne Buryn.

The board tabled the proposal for a later date.

Bus routes

Bus route boundaries continue to be a difficult issue for the board. A delegation from Myrnam School asked the board to alter them.

A total of 11 children currently attending Myrnam are in the Elk Point bussing area, even though they are closer to Myrnam.

"We're talking 11 children here, and in a school the size of ours, 11 children means quite a lot," said Myrnam principal Morris Holota, who accompanied the delegation of parents.

The parents asked the boundaries be changed so their children could continue to attend Myrnam School.

The division is bussing the students for this year until the matter is resolved.

The issue will be dealt with at the board's transportation meeting in May.

School calendar

All the important dates for the next school year are in order, as the board approved the 2004-05 school calendar.

However, it may look into a few eccentricities in the schedule for following years.

"The half-day on June 29, do we have to have it?" asked Trustee Darrell Youngmans.

The day is the last of the school year, but it comes after a four-day weekend.

Yeo said the days off were necessary for administration, but Youngmans suggested the report cards could simply be mailed out on June 29, instead of running the buses an extra day.

"Part of it is the awards assemblies. If the schools don't do them then, some of the students don't come back the next year," said principal-at-large Rene LaFrance.

Champagne raised another issue.

"In October, why are there two long weekends back to back?" he asked. "That drives the public wild as well."

Youngmans said a speaker for a professional development day had already been booked for one of the days.

Aboriginal awareness

A division-wide Aboriginal Awareness Day is being planned for June 21.

The corresponding celebrations will be held at Ashmont School this year and rotated through the division in the future.

"Each of the schools has their own day and this would be one for the division," said Yeo.

The event is being organized by First Nations, Métis and Inuit education program coordinator Glenda Bristow.

Water coolers

While water coolers in every class may be healthy, at least one trustee questioned whether the money could be better spent elsewhere.

"Is that a good use of resources?" asked Dyck.

The initiative is being considered as part of the division's Healthy Lifestyles Initiative.

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